(c) whether the area to be served by the proposed road is not now totally isolated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is separated chiefly by a padam (paddy field).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what was the finding arrivedat by the Registrar of Village Panchayats with regard to thenecessity of this road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That it was not a very urgent road and that it can well wait.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long can the road wait?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It can well wait so long as we can find funds for it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the opinion of the Registrar that this road should be opened if only there is a surplus?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—This road will be attended to only after the more urgent works of the Panchayat are carried out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what is the length of the proposed road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—1½ miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What will be the approximate cost?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have not prepared an estimate, but it will cost somewhere about 2,000 rupees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not a poramboke thodu there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to put up a bridge there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes. A temporary bridge is going to be put up there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will they be pleased to construct a reinforced concrete bridge there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A reinforced concrete bridge is not a necessity. There will be only 2 feet of water even in monsoon times.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know in the event of the persons owning lands are prepared to put up a bund, will the Government be pleased to put up a reinforced concrete bridge?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Then it will be considered.

18. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether the Registrar of Village Panchayats has not in his memo B. 1703/09, dated 2nd Vrischigam 1109, admitted the necessity for the road mentioned in question No. 17;

(b) whether in all cases of new road connections surrender of lands free of cost is insisted upon?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) The memo issued is that the work will be taken up if lands are surrendered free.

(b) Generally surrender of lands is insisted upon except in cases where the people cannot get on without the work and the people are too poor to contribute land acquisition charges.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that unless land is surrendered free of cost, we cannot expect roads to be constructed by the Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—In all cases except the work is so very urgent and the people are too poor, the Government insist on surrender of lands.

Check-measurement of Panchayat works.

19. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(a) whether there is not a rule that Panchayat works over Rs. 500 should be check-measured either by or in the presence of Tahsildars of the Taluk concerned;

(b) whether this rule is observed in practice; and

(c) if not, why?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the above answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any kind of Panchayat work to be check-measured by the Tahsildar of the Taluk?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes. Irrigation works above 100 rupees and below 500 rupees. It has to be done by the Tahsildar himself.

Panchayat allotment lapsed in 1108.

20. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of Panchayat allotments lapsed in 1108?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Please see items 1 to 10 of the Appendix VI to answer to question No. 44, dated 23rd January 1934 (10th Makaram 1109).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, on a point of order, with regard to the answer it is stated here "Please see items 1 to 10 of the Appendix VI to answer to question No. 44, dated 23rd January 1934. I wish to know whether this form of answering the question does not hamper the right of putting supplementary questions?

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